

Request for Council Action

Originator Community Services	Item FY2018 and FY2019 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Grant Requests
Agenda Section Consent Business	Date 9/12/2016
Description	

The Council is requested to approve the FY2018 and FY2019 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund grant requests to the Metropolitan Council as listed in bold below.

The City receives Parks and Trails Legacy Fund grants for those portions of the Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Regional Park Reserve which are owned and operated by the City. This includes Bush Lake Park, Normandale Lake Park, North Corridor Park, South Corridor Park and Tierney's Woods. Legacy dollars have been used in the past in combination with State/Metropolitan Council bonding dollars to undertake Community Investment Projects (CIP) projects such as reconstruction of the Bush Lake and Normandale Lake Park trails, as well as the reconstruction of the Normandale Lake Park Chalet Road parking lot.

The anticipated funding allocations to Bloomington as calculated by Metropolitan Council staff will provide \$284,130 in FY2018 and \$311,000 in FY2019. The actual amount of funding is dependent upon future actions to be taken by the State Legislature. Below in bold is the City's grant requests.

FY 2018 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Grant Request – Total of \$284,130

Parking Lot Reconstruction and Trail Lighting - Reconstruct parking lots, driveways, parking lot lighting, trail lighting, retaining walls and associated storm water improvements at the Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Regional Park Reserve - \$254,130.

Park Ambassador Program – Staffing, programming, supplies and contracted services to operate a Park Ambassador Program within the Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Regional Park Reserve. This program would focus on connecting people with the outdoors and increasing usage of the Park Reserve by minorities and other underrepresented populations - \$30,000.

The \$254,130 for parking lot reconstruction and trail lighting would be used for reconstructing the West Bush Lake Park parking lots. The total estimated project costs for reconstructing the West Bush Lake parking lots are \$1,700,000. The City has approximately \$1,062,406 in Metropolitan Regional Parks grant funds already available for this project. The remaining balance of \$383,464 in funding needed for the project is proposed to be provided through future Metropolitan Regional Parks System grants. Accordingly, the project will be split into two phases, the first in 2016-2017 and the second to be undertaken in 2018-2019 as grant dollars become available. In the event that the actual project costs come in lower than estimated, the City would utilize the surplus grant funds to install lighting on the trail between the Normandale Lake Bandshell and the Chalet Road parking lot at an estimated cost of \$147,400. The parking lot lighting and trail lighting projects are listed in the City's Community Investment Program (CIP).

The \$30,000 for the Park Ambassador Program is in response to a pending Metropolitan Council requirement to utilize a minimum of ten percent of Parks and Trails Fund appropriations on "connecting people and the outdoors", which is one of the four Strategic Directions for the Fund. The other Strategic Directions are: "Acquire Land, Create Opportunities", "Coordinate Among Partners" and "Take Care of What We Have."

FY 2019 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Grant Request – Total of \$311,000

Rest Rooms and Maintenance Garage Reconstruction - Reconstruct rest rooms, maintenance garage, driveway, sidewalks, lighting and associated storm water improvements at the Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Regional Park Reserve - \$279,900.

Park Ambassador Program – Staffing, programming, supplies and contracted services to operate a Park Ambassador Program within the Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Regional Park Reserve. This program would focus on connecting people with the outdoors and increasing usage of the Park Reserve by minorities and other underrepresented populations - \$31,100.

The \$279,900 would be used for reconstructing the Normandale Lake Park rest rooms and maintenance garage located on Chalet Road. The total estimated project costs are \$544,327. The remaining balance of \$264,427 in funding needed for the project is proposed to be provided through future Metropolitan Regional Parks System grants. This project is listed in the City's Community Investment Program (CIP). The \$31,100 would be used for the Park Ambassador Program as described above.

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Requested Action

Approve the proposed FY2018 and FY2019 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund grant requests to the Metropolitan Council.

Attachments: